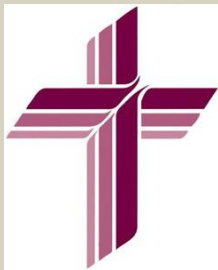


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Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming
the saving
grace of Jesus
Christ to all."*



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus taught His disciples many things. Jesus prepared His disciples for His arrest and crucifixion. He also described for His disciples what things would be like for His followers after His resurrection. We see what Jesus teaches His followers in John chapter 16.

The words of Jesus must have been somewhat of a surprise to His disciples. He told them that they were going to receive two things because of His death and resurrection: trouble and peace. Jesus leaves no doubt for those who would follow Him that they will have trouble in this world. We certainly experience plenty of trouble in this world. There is the trouble that we feel with our health, our finances, and emotions. We know that there is no shortage of trouble in this world. Sometimes, people get the idea that Jesus' resurrection should mean that we are spared from any kind of trouble, but that is not what Jesus tells us. The presence of trouble in our lives proves the truth of Jesus' words.

Trouble can be hard to bear, and trouble can certainly rob us of any kind of peace in our lives. How many times have you laid awake at night thinking about all of the trouble that you see in your life? But Jesus gives us another very important promise in John 16:33. He tells us that we will also have peace. That is the paradox of our lives after Jesus' resurrection. Even in the midst of all of the trouble that we experience in this world, we are able to be at peace. Jesus tells us that He is able to give us peace because He has overcome the world. Jesus' resurrection from the dead gives us peace in our lives. His resurrection shows us that God the Father has accepted the payment that Jesus made for our sins on the cross. His resurrection from the dead gives us the assurance that all things, even death, have been overcome for us.

We continue to live our lives in light of Jesus' resurrection. Yes, we will have trouble in this world. Jesus makes that clear for us. However, we also know that, no matter how much trouble might come into our lives, that we have peace that the world cannot take away. That is the blessing that we receive in our lives because of Easter: peace that passes all understanding.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

Sermon Texts and Titles

May 1 & 4: The sermon text for the 3rd Sunday of Easter will be the first reading from Acts 9:1-22. The title of the sermon will be "'I am Jesus' Changes Everything." Our text records the conversion of St. Paul. We see how Paul being introduced to Jesus changes everything in His life. During the Easter season, we continue to see how knowing that Jesus rose from the dead changes everything for us as well.

May 8 & 11: The sermon text for the 4th Sunday of Easter will be Psalm 23. The title of the sermon will be "I Shall Not Want." This Sunday is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We are given the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. We will focus especially on the words "I shall not want." We are given the assurance that through faith in Jesus our wants are satisfied. Jesus leads us into the green pastures. He gives us the forgiveness of sins and restores us. He satisfies all our desires so that we do not have to want for more.

May 15 & 18: The sermon text for the 5th Sunday of Easter will be the Gospel reading from John 16:12-22. The title of the sermon will be "Easter/Confirmation Joy." The 5th Sunday of Easter is also Confirmation Sunday. We will rejoice with the young people who will publicly confess their faith in Jesus. It is a joyous occasion for them, their families, and our congregation. Jesus talks about the challenges that His followers will experience following His resurrection from the dead. We are familiar with the sorrows that are so much a part of this world. But Jesus goes on and talks about the joy that we have. He tells us that His resurrection from the dead gives us a joy that the world cannot take away.

May 22 & 25: The sermon text for the 6th Sunday of Easter will be the Gospel reading from John 16:23-33. The title of the sermon will be "Tribulation & Peace." Jesus describes what things will be like for His followers following His resurrection from the dead. Jesus tells us that we will have two things in this world: tribulation and peace. We are certainly familiar with the trouble that we go through in this world, but Jesus also promises us peace. We have peace because of His resurrection from the dead. None of the troubles of this world can take that peace away.

May 29: It is on this day that we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. We will have our joint ascension service with Faith Lutheran, Green Bay.

St. Paul Lutheran School News
Excellence in Christ-Centered Education

Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year: Registration for the coming school year is open. It is exciting to see that enrollment for next year is looking very strong. Enrollment this year showed a strong increase. Next year's enrollment is already in line with the current year. This speaks highly of the confidence that people have in St. Paul Lutheran School. St. Paul Lutheran School is a fully accredited school. We offer an excellent academic education grades 4k-8 with the Word of God integrated into every subject. There are still a small number of spots available in 4k. St. Paul offers a full day 4k program with morning and afternoon busing.

Spring Fundraiser: Thanks to everyone who supported the spring school fundraiser. It was a very successful event and raised about \$5000 for the school.

Honor Roll: The following St. Paul students achieved academic honors during the 3rd quarter:

High Honors: Melody Enderby, Jack Porath, Landon Schmoll, Bennett Spude, Miles Fager, Lily Kilgore, Greyson Larscheid, Jolee Ledvina, Ariana Pamperin, Max Schlies, Ryland Vlies, Madison Belter, Charlee Bosdeck, Madelyn Duescher, Nolan Fager, Briggs Karnopp, Caden Kilgore, Clay Kilgore, Landon Larscheid, Adam Schantz, Cassandra VandenAvond, Bryn Vaughn

Honors: Ruby Duescher, Skye Enderby, Wyatt Raduenz, Anna Schantz, Addie Veeseer, Chloe Kilgore

Musical: Congratulations to the students and staff for an outstanding musical performance last month. Thank you to all the people who donated with their time and in various other ways to make this event such a great success. Thanks to Mrs. Pahnke for directing again this year.

Vacation Bible School: The dates for Vacation Bible School are set for June 9-12. You can register your child by contacting the office.

8th Graduation Service: May 22 at 6:30 pm.

Last Day of School: The last day of school is May 23. Closing chapel will be at 10:00 am. Awards will be at 10:30 am. 4k & 5k graduation will be at 11:00 in the church. Grades 4k-6th will be dismissed following 4k & 5k graduation. The 7th & 8th grade students will have a field trip to Bay Beach that afternoon. There will be no lunch that day.

Confirmation: The public examination of confirmands will be on May 14 at 5:30 pm. Confirmation will take place on May 18 during the 9:30am church service.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We are so thankful to be able to walk through Holy Week with our students at school and celebrate the victory of Easter!

We pray that you all had a blessed Easter celebration as well!

Earlier in April, our focus was on sharing the good news through music and acting at our annual musical "Let's Rock!" The students did an excellent job with the show and we were incredibly proud to watch them share the news of being part of the body of Christ, and using our talents to point others to Jesus.

Thank you to everyone who attended the show and supported our performing arts!

We are now looking forward to the end of the year already, with only a few short weeks left to go!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9th – 12th

9:00 – 11:30

3 year old – 5th Grade are welcome to participate!

6th Grade – 101 years old...we NEED you to Volunteer!

Registration Forms and Volunteer Forms are Available in the church narthex or school office.

Any questions, contact Sherry Byrne- sbyrne@stpaullux.org
920-845-2095



A big thank you to Paul and Karen Janda for catering the St. Paul musical for 9 years! This year they got a catering food truck made in their honor! Thank you to two big school supporters!

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry -May 2025

'By the Mercies of God'

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom. 12:1)

These words from Romans 12:1-2 set stewardship in its rightful place. Here, St. Paul shows us stewardship in its proper relationship to the Lord, and what stewardship should look like in our faithful service to Him. These are good words for the faithful steward to consider on a regular basis.

Notice from whence comes the appeal! The mercies of God are the defining factor, shaping both the steward and all subsequent actions. It all begins with the mercies of God. This beginning is not some esoteric, philosophical consideration either. The mercies of God, poured out upon the faithful steward, find one anchor point in human history. The mercies of God are on full display at the cross.

On Calvary, our Lord Himself, bearing human vesture and carrying our sins and griefs, lowered His holy, crown-encircled brow. But Christ's death on the cross should not be taken as a sign of defeat. Rather, by the mercies of God, Christ's death grants fallen sinner/stewards like us new life! We trace this journey each year through the season of Lent and Easter. Amid the bloody sweat of Gethsemane, the injustice of the kangaroo court in Jerusalem, the ruthless and spineless acquiescence of Pilate, and the gore of Golgotha, we see exactly what the mercies of God look like.

Everything Jesus endured should have been ours. When Jesus is forgiving and promising paradise even as He is being forsaken for us, we see true mercy! This mercy is what redefines who we are, a redefinition which happens when we are baptized. Once dead and deserving of condemnation, in Baptism we are given new life in Christ. This new life in Christ changes how we see ourselves. It also changes how we see the world.

By viewing ourselves and the world in this new way, we can start to live out St. Paul's oxymoronic call to be "living sacrifices." We know from the Old Testament that sacrifice means something dies. The bulls and goats, lambs and rams came at a high price. In the waters of Holy Baptism, something also dies – the old Adam. In our Baptism, we have already died and have been raised. This is the how the mercy of God

works on us. In the dying and rising, we can be a daily sacrifice that has been made holy and acceptable to God. This is not by our action, but by His!

Paul talks about this as our "spiritual worship." The Greek word here is leitourgos, which is where we get the word "liturgy." It is this view of the mercies of God that forms our daily stewardship, and our daily worship. The mercies of God define all you do in the course of a week as a steward of the Gospel worship. It is not limited to the Divine Service. In fact, the mercies you receive in the Divine Service are what you carry out to share with the world as your living sacrifice. After spending time with Jesus, you bear His image and His glow out into the world that is full of darkness and death. You have been made holy and acceptable to Him for the purpose of showing His mercy to others. This is what makes our "daily liturgy" so important. As we live and serve, and as we seek and share forgiveness and life with those around us, we are walking billboards of God's mercy in Christ.

This is what your stewardship puts on display. None of it is about you. It is about Jesus in and through you. You can't get to this by your own efforts. It is only about the mercies of God. These mercies are the treasure that you steward in your daily life of worship!

In Christ, Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Hans Shin

Lakeshore Lutherans for Life - Roses for Mom

Honor your Mother with the gift of a Rose/ Roses on Mother's Day May 11th.

What does a rose symbolize? The bloom symbolizes love and beauty.



LFL will have available long stemmed Roses after the Church Services on Mother's Day weekend for a recommended donation of \$2 each.

Lutherans For Life Meeting Date Change -The next Lakeshore LFL Meeting is rescheduled to Tues May 27th @ 6 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church, please consider joining us as we continue to speak up for Life.



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You will be contacted at a later date as to where you would like the profit to go towards:

1. Youth Group
2. Tuition Reimbursement
3. St. Paul Building Fund
4. General Scrip Fund

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DVD's are available of the church service. Call the church office at 920-845-2095 and one of our volunteers will deliver it to you.

Need a ride to church? Please notify the church office for a ride to and from church services.

Newsletter Deadline: the 21st of the month.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FLOWER GUILD: Candy Krohn				1 Divine Service 7:30 pm	2	3
4 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	5	6	7 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Board of Christian Education 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	8 Able Light Volunteer Day 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm	9 St. Paul Softball Tournament	10 St. Paul Softball Tournament
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25 Divine Service 9:30 am	26	27 Lutherans for Life Mtg. 6:00pm	28	29 Ascension Divine Service 7:30 pm	30	31

Scrip for sale Thursday evening 7:15-7:30 and Sunday mornings after service for 15-20 minutes